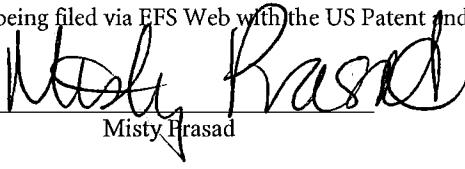


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for a Three Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

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